THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The rules/guidelines for allotment of Government houses to freedom fighters are contained in the Dte. of Estates O.M. No. 12016(2)/80-Pol. II(Vol-V) dated 19.4.94. A copy of the OM is enclosed as Statement to this reply. However, as per the Supreme Court Judgement dt. 23.12.96 in CWP No. 585/94 allotment to freedom fighter in future is to be made out of the 5% discretionary quota permitted by the Court.

(b) The following allotments have been made to freedom fighters in R.K. Puram during the last 3 years:-

S.No.	Name	Qtrs. No
1.	Shri R.P. Gupta	Type-D, Qtr. No.1043/7, R.K. Puram allotted on 12.6.96.
2.	Shri Virendra Verma	Type-D Qtr. No. 629/4, R.K. Puram allotted on 4.12.96.

(c) No such case has come to our notice.

Statement

No. 12016(2)/80-Pol.II (Vol.V)
Government of India
Directorate of Estates

New Delhi, the 19.4.94

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub. : Review of guidelines for allotment of General Pool residential accommodation to freedom fighters.

Guidelines for allotment of General Pool residential accommodation to the freedom fighters were reviewed by the Govt. and it has been decided to revise the guidelines as follows:-

Freedom Fighters of All India Standing may be allowed general pool residential accommodation provides:-

(a) They do not own a house or a flat in their name or in the name of their family members or dependents in Delhi.

(b) The accommodation is required for bonafide medical treatment of the freedom fighter or his/her spouse.

(c) The case is specifically recommended by the Ministry of Home Affairs who should give detailed justification necessitating allotment of accommodation and also recommend period of allotment in case of those freedom fighters who are below 70 years in age. In case of those above 70 years in age it should be for 'life-time' and not necessarily on medical grounds.

(d) Type of accommodation would be restricted to type-D and below.

(e) Normal licence fee shall be charged.

(f) The spouse of freedom fighter residing in Govt. accommodation allotted to the freedom fighter shall be entitled to retain the accommodation even after the demise of the freedom fighter for the stipulated period of allotment.

(g) The revised guidelines shall be effective from 10.2.94, the date on which the decision was taken by the CCA.

Sd/-

(O.P. Bhatia)
Dy. Director of Estates

[English]

Memory Plus Drug

2305. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH :
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a medicine in capsule form brand name 'Memory Plus' launched by the then Prime Minister on February 28th, 1996 is being sold in the market;

(b) if so, whether this product has been checked and certified by the Indian Council of Medical Research/ Central Drug Research Institute for use; and

(c) the measures the Government have taken to ensure that said drug is free from side effects and really increases the memory and retention power so that the general public does not duped by the wide publicity of the drug by its manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): *(a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

*"The original reply by the Minister reads as follows:-

(a), (b) and (c) : Central Drugs Research Instt., Lucknow has developed "MEMORY PLUS" which has been found to facilitate learning and memory. The drug based on the classical ayurvedic drug "Brahmi" used as "Medhya Rasayan" (Memory enhancer).

Central Drugs Research Instt., Lucknow has conducted the following studies on efficacy and safety of "Memory Plus":-

1) Standardization of Brahmi Extract (Trade Name: Memory Plus) based on bacoside content (the active ingredient).

2) Safety studies (Regulatory Pharmacology and Toxicology) as conducted for Modern Drug Development.

3) Standardized Brahmi extract (Memory Plus) found to facilitates learning and memory in animal models.

"Memory Plus" is marketed by M/S Velvet International Pharma Products Ltd. under Ayurvedic Drug License issued by Drug Controller, Tamilnadu.

The reply as printed above was sent by the Minister afterwards in substitution of the original reply"

Child Labour

2306. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the studies conducted by the International Programme on Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) ILO have observed that productivity goes down affecting profitability in industries where children are employed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Border Route at Demchok

2307. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3768 on September 2, 1996, regarding border route at Demchok and state:

(a) whether further discussions with the Chinese counterparts have been held in the recent past for opening of border at Demchok in Ladakh; and

(b) if so, the progress/outcome of the talks held?

THE MININSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The proposal for opening of Demchok, in Ladakh, for border trade and for pilgrimage to Kailash-Mansarovar was taken up with the Chinese side during the 9th meeting of the India-China Joint Working Group, in Beijing, in October 1996, and during the 5th meeting of the India-China Experts Group, in New Delhi, in March 1997.

(b) The chinese side are yet to indicate acceptance of our proposal. the issue will continue to remain under discussion with the Chinese side.

[Translation]

Indians In Gulf Countries

2308. DR. RAMVILAS VEDANTI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians staying in the Gulf countries; country-wise;

(b) whether any agreement has been signed with the Governments of the Gulf countries for safeguarding the interests of Indians staying there; and

(c) if so, the details thereof

THE MININSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA) : (a) As per information available with Government approximate number of Indian nationals staying in Gulf countries is as follow:

1.	Bahrain	1,00,000
2.	Iraq	80
3.	Kuwait	1,95,000
4.	Oman	3,31,500
5.	Qatar	80,000
6.	Saudi Arabia	13,00,000
7.	UAE	10,00,000
8.	Yemen	4,000

(b) and (c) There are no bilateral agreements between the Government of India and the Governments of gulf countries for the welfare and protection of Indians staying in those countries. However, all indian Missions/Post are under instructions to look after the welfare of and protect